

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 June 2011 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor S Toher (Chairman)
Councillor S Bateman
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor H McGuinness
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor I Pemberton
Councillor A Roling
Councillor M Shephard
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor R Uren

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Session

P/Sgt Emery updated Members on crimes reported, the on-going problems with The Mount site and complaints from neighbours, the change in PCSO in July with PCSO Ian Nicholson replacing PCSO Danielle Joyce who was posted to Basingstoke and in so doing confirmed his understanding that the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team would remain up to strength, and commented on the increasing number of thefts of materials from traders vans and other unlocked vehicles.

75. Apologies for absence

75.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Davies-Dear, McKeone, Snook and Winstanley.

76. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

76.1 Cllr Roling reminded Members that the current round of pub quizzes had started in aid of this year's Carnival and urged everyone to lend their support.

Action: All

76.2 Cllr Toher sought opinion on a suggestion that a plaque should be added to the War Memorial recognising the loss of life in various conflicts since WW2. The idea was supported although some discussion took place on the wisdom of listing conflicts and names and it was thought appropriate to have the F&GP Committee consider the matter further together with associated costs.

Action: Clerk

77. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 May 2011

77.1 Proposed Cllr Uren, Seconded Cllr McGuinness, **RESOLVED** with minor amendment that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2011 be accepted as a true record.

78. Matters Arising

78.1 There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere in the minutes.

79. Declarations of Interest

79.1 None declared.

80. Correspondence

80.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to correspondence received, in particular, the Borough Council's draft proposals for the strategic direction of the Borough for the period to 2029, for which there would be a public opinion survey later in the year, and the Borough's planning document for accommodating elderly people and those in need of care, details of which could be found on the Borough's website.

81. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 24 May and 14 June 2011 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations

81.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 24 May and 14 June 2011 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

81.2 Proposed Cllr Shephard, Seconded Cllr Pemberton **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 24 May and 14 June 2011 be received and accepted.

82. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 14 June 2011 - to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

82.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2011 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

82.2 Proposed Cllr Hansell, Seconded Cllr Roling, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 14 June 2011 be received and accepted.

82.4 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Bateman, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Shephard abstaining that £500 be granted to the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association to assist in meeting the costs of the Eastleigh Mela.

83. To receive the RFO's report and approve payment of accounts

83.1 The payments schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers. The Clerk informed Members he had cancelled the direct debit mandate in favour of Southern Water for water supplies to the Cemetery until such time as the problems associated with the metering records had been remedied.

83.2 Proposed Cllr Uren, Seconded Cllr Shephard, **RESOLVED** with Cllr McGuinness abstaining that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

84. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended

84.1 Cllr Toher reported on her attendance at the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee meeting at which Godfrey Olsen had been elected chairman and David Airey vice-chairman. There had been a downward trend in passengers due, it was thought, to the Icelandic ash cloud and Winter snow. However, an increase in traffic and opening times was being planned at the time of the Olympic Games as a result of a forecast need to meet more business flights and those for VIPs. A decision would be made on airspace in November this year but it was thought unlikely to have any marked effect on Bishopstoke.

85. Clerk's Monthly Report

85.1 The Clerk had attended the Hampshire Insurance Forum's meeting at which managing risk in open spaces and play areas was discussed and which would become useful when these were taken over from the Borough.

85.2 He also reported that no progress had been made on Shears Mill as the Environment Agency had still to approve the design of the essential fish pass. He expressed his disappointment that some necessary work identified in a recent tree survey at St Mary's Church could not be undertaken for the time being as a result of the Borough placing tree preservation orders on the affected trees. He was putting a case together for submission to the LAC. A leaning tree considered a potential danger in the Cemetery would also be attended to.

86. To consider content of the Press Release for June 2011

86.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the grant awarded, the on-going nuisance and dangers at The Mount site and support for the actions taken by the Police, and the Carnival Quiz Nights.

Action: Clerk

87. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

87.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 26 July 2011 at 6.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke. *(Note: Change in start time)*

88. Motion for confidential business

88.1 Proposed Cllr Uren, Seconded Cllr Thornton, **RESOLVED** unanimously that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed relating to employees' remuneration, it was advisable in the public interest that the public be excluded and for the record the business be regarded as confidential.

89. To determine the Assistant Clerk's contracted hours

- 89.1 The Clerk had tabled a paper recommending an increase in the Assistant Clerk's core contracted hours to reflect more accurately the size of the appointment for future reference.
- 89.2 Proposed Cllr Uren, Seconded Cllr Bateman, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Assistant Clerk's core contracted hours be increased from 5 to 7 per week.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm